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H. RES. 152

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should transmit to Congress detailed reports on the situation in Iraq to facilitate greater congressional oversight, work with the international community to create an international peacekeeping force and reconstruction program for Iraq, and seek to convene a peace conference in a neutral location to encourage Iraq's ethnic and religious factions to achieve the important goals of national reconciliation, security, and governance for Iraq.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

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Whereas 3,090 members of the United States Armed Forces have lost their lives in Iraq as of February 5, 2007;

Whereas at least 23,279 members of the Armed Forces have been wounded in action as of February 5, 2007;

Whereas the war in Iraq has already cost United States taxpayers well over \$300 billion;

Whereas the original reasons for going to war in Iraq have since been proven wrong;

Whereas the Iraq Study Group found the situation in Iraq “grave and deteriorating”, with increasing violence among sectarian groups;

Whereas threats to security in Iraq come from many sources, including Sunni insurgents, Shiite militias, widespread organized crime, and al Qaeda;

Whereas sectarian violence in Iraq continues to displace millions of Iraqis;

Whereas United States policy in Iraq has been plagued by poor planning and short-sighted leadership, and has lacked congressional oversight and international input;

Whereas the international community cannot allow Iraq to become a safe haven for terrorists or degenerate into further sectarian violence;

Whereas Iraq’s geostrategic position, oil reserves, and potential to become a failed state make success in Iraq in the interest of all nations; and

Whereas international pressure and peacekeeping conferences have proven effective in the past, including bringing an end to the sectarian violence in Bosnia: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the President of the United States
3 should—

4 (1) transmit to Congress detailed reports on the
5 situation in Iraq to facilitate greater congressional
6 oversight so that informed decisions can be made re-
7 garding both funding for the reconstruction of Iraq
8 and eventual redeployment of United States troops
9 from Iraq;

10 (2) work with the international community, in-
11 cluding all of Iraq’s neighbors, to establish an inter-
12 national conference in order to create an inter-
13 national peacekeeping force and reconstruction pro-
14 gram for Iraq; and

15 (3) seek to convene a peace conference in a
16 neutral location to encourage Iraq’s ethnic and reli-
17 gious factions to achieve the important goals of na-
18 tional reconciliation, security, and governance for
19 Iraq.

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